

WELCOME TO
CHURCH OF THE STRAITS

Pastor David Wallis

November 23, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Green Prayer Cards may be filled out with your joys/prayers/concerns. Ushers will collect them during prayer time.

*Call to Worship on screen
“Give Thanks”

*Prayer of Confession
God, help us to see Your goodness in the mess of life. We have so much to be thankful for, and You are our rescuer, our savior, and our all, in Jesus’ name, Amen!

*Gloria Patri #623
*Hymn #563
“Count Your Blessings”

First Scripture Reading pg. 556
Psalm 42: 5-9
Liturgist—Deb Moore

Children’s Time

Sharing our Joys and Concerns
Silent Prayer and Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith in Song on screen
“Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”

Giving our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory
*Doxology #625
*Prayer of Dedication

Second Scripture Reading pg. 1119
Romans 8: 26-28

Sermon
“Seeing Good in the Mess!”
*Hymn #345
“Blessed Assurance”

*Benediction
*Postlude on screen
“He Is Able”

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Please join us for refreshments after the service in the Fellowship Hall.
Everyone is welcome!



How to become a Christian

- 1. Admit to God that you have done things that oppose His desires for you.
“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”
Romans 3:23
- 2. Acknowledge Jesus Christ as God’s only solution to your condition.
“Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”
John 14:6
- 3. Ask God to forgive your sins and invite Jesus into your life.
“Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.”
John 1:12

What to Pray

“Lord Jesus, I need you. Thank you for coming to earth, living an unblemished life, and dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive you as Savior and Lord of everything I do. Make me the kind of person you want me to be.”

What to Do

Go to God in prayer daily.
Read God’s word daily.
Open your life to other Christian friends.
Worship God weekly at church.

If God is speaking to you this morning and you desire to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, or desire prayer for a particular matter, we invite you to the front of the sanctuary at the close of the service where Pastor Dave and/or others will be glad to pray and talk with you.



CHURCH OF THE STRAITS STAFF

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Administrative Asst.	Joshua Kuehn

Nursery is open for 1st grade and younger.

Liturgists in Coming Weeks:

Nov 30 10:30 am Sue O’Dwyer
Dec 7 10:30 am Sylvia Truman
Dec 14 10:30 am Sharolynn Metternich
Dec 21 10:30 am Ginny Brew

Sunday Worship Attendance

11/16/25	10:30 am	100
11/17/24	10:30 am	75

Flowers: If you wish to have flowers on the Altar for any occasion, please contact the church office at 436-8682.

Hearing Devices are available from the sound booth. Please turn the device off and return it to the sound booth after the service.

The Mission of Church of the Straits
To worship God faithfully
To grow together spiritually
To serve Jesus Christ and
our neighbor joyfully
... in the power of God’s Spirit.

*Stand if able: Bold = congregational response

CHURCH CALENDAR
Nov 23, 2025 – Nov 30, 2025

SUN 11-23	3:00 pm	AA
	5:00 pm	Prayer Group
MON 11-24	2:00 pm	Women's Bible Study
TUES 11-25	7:00 pm	Thanksgiving Service
WED 11-26	12:30 pm	Bell Choir
	2:00 pm	Bible Journaling
	6:30 pm	18:20 Meetup Group
THUR 11-27	12:00 pm	Thanksgiving Dinner
SAT 11-29	9:00 am	Men's Group
SUN 11-30	9:30 am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30 am	Traditional Service
	12:00 pm	Hanging of the Greens
	3:00 pm	AA
	5:00 pm	Prayer Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Children's Church on Sundays with Communion
Usually the first Sunday of the month.

Matthew 18:20 Meetup Group on Wed at 6:30pm
Everyone is welcome! Lead by Theodora and Nancy.
It's all about Jesus. Will meet until Wed Nov 26th.

Christmas Poinsettias Orders Due by Dec 1st

We will be decorating our Altar again this Christmas. Six inch potted plants will be available to order for \$20
Please see Deb Downing if you have any questions.



Christmas "Wrap" Session Dec 13th 11:30am to 3:30pm. Wrapping paper provided until we run out! Snacks and Holiday Music!

Next Food Pantry Dec 3rd, 10am to Noon

Helpers are needed to distribute as well donations to support the pantry. If you know of someone in need please let us know how we can help! The pantry will be open every other Wednesday.



Hanging of the Greens Nov 30th After Service
Lunch Provided for those who help!



Operation Christmas Child
Thank you for all the donations! We sent over 130 boxes!

Blood Drive Dec 2nd Noon to 4:30 pm
Mackinaw Woman's Club and St. Anthony Catholic Church are hosting a Community Blood Drive on December 2 noon to 4:30 pm, at the St Anthony's Parish Hall, 600 W Central Ave, Mackinaw City. Appointments are preferred but walk-ins are welcome. Call Donna Falor at 231-445-0151 or visit versiti.org/miblood and search 'Mackinaw' to schedule your appointment on-line. Help save lives across Michigan by donating blood!

Community Thanksgiving Dinner
We will be hosting a dinner on Thanksgiving Day (Nov 27th) at Noon. Please bring a dish to pass. Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Stuffing, Rolls, and Beverages will be provided. Please sign up.



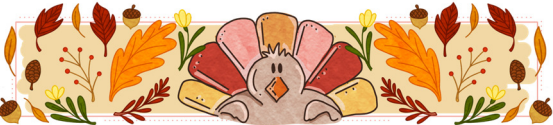
Community Thanksgiving Service
COS together with St. Anthony's Catholic Church will hold the Annual Community Thanksgiving Worship Service on Tuesday, November 25th at 7 pm. The service will be held here at COS. Please join us for this special holiday service.

Coats for Kids
Our Youth Group is now accepting monetary donations along with new winter Coats, Boots, Snow Pants, and Socks. All donations stay local. The monetary \$ donation goes towards a youth shopping trip to purchase winter items for children in need. Donation end date: **12-14**

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following persons from our prayer cards: David Kruege Sr, Bev Jones, Sarah Burgor, Kassie Burgor, Mark Kuehn, Karen Wells, Dawn McDonald, Cassandra Gillette, Stephane Adams, Bob Howell, Todd French, Joni Reed, Deb Lemmer, Al & Kathy Carlson, Lisa Wallis, Rob Ranville, Sarah, Kristen Hines, Bill Marvin, Bob Steward, Becky Jankowski, Carol Harper, Jon Cool, Don Hawver, Mike Cool, Jim Churchill, Gussie Williams, Mike Churchill, Evelyn Canales, Alvina Williams, Persecuted Christians, our Military and All First Responders.

Updates or additions? Contact the Church Office.
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Welcome to Our Service